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## **Limits to Confidentiality**

Patient's information will be kept private and confidential, except in the following circumstances that will be determined using my clinical judgment, professional expertise, best practice policy and both the national and state mandated confidentiality rules:

- Consultations with other professionals (the patient's identity is not disclosed)
- Mandated reporting of suspected child abuse
- Patient's involvement in a legal proceeding in which the emotional or mental status of the patient has been called into question
- Malpractice suits against the psychologist filed by the patient
- Concern of danger to self or others

If I have reason to suspect, on the basis of my professional judgment, that a child is or has been abused, I am required to report my suspicions to the authority or government agency vested to conduct child-abuse investigations. I am required to make such reports even if I do not see the child in my professional capacity.

I am mandated to report suspected child abuse if anyone aged 14 or older tells me that he or she committed child abuse, even if the victim is no longer in danger. I am also mandated to report suspected child abuse if anyone tells me that he or she know of any child who is currently being abused.

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Signature

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Date